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PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS

JURY CONVICTS ROCHESTER MAN OF FEDERAL ARMED ROBBERY,
GUN POSSESSION AND DRUG CHARGES

Re: United States v. Gerard BOULANGER

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Rochester Police Chief David G. Dubois, Resident Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Cliff Ellston, and New Hampshire State Police Colonel Frederick H. Booth, announced that a jury convicted **Gerard BOULANGER**, 42, of Rochester, New Hampshire, on federal armed robbery, gun possession and drug charges after a three day trial in the United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire.

On August 5, 2004, a federal grand jury returned a superceding indictment charging that between September 21st and 24th, 2003, **BOULANGER** committed an armed robbery of a pharmacy, used a firearm in a crime of violence, possessed a firearm while being a convicted felon, and possessed with intent to distribute a controlled substance. On September 21st, 2003, **BOULANGER**, wearing a mask, robbed the Brooks Drug store at 104 Milton Road in Rochester, New Hampshire. **BOULANGER** carried and brandished a .25 Caliber pistol during the robbery and stole approximately eleven hundred oxycontin and methadone tablets. The gun, and some of the drugs, were recovered three days later in an apartment in Rochester where **BOULANGER** was staying.

BOULANGER is scheduled to be sentenced in U.S. District Court by Chief Judge Paul Barbadoro on January 24, 2005 at 10:00 A.M. He faces a maximum 25 year sentence on the armed robbery charge. Under the federal "Armed Career Criminal" law, **BOULANGER** also faces a minimum mandatory sentence of 15 years for being a felon in possession of a firearm because he has three previous convictions for violent crime. In addition, **BOULANGER** faces a minimum mandatory consecutive sentence of 7 years for brandishing the firearm during a crime of violence.

The jury failed to reach a verdict on one count alleging the distribution of oxycontin. In light of the charges on which the jury returned guilty verdicts, the United States Attorney's Office moved to dismiss the distribution charge. The district court granted the government's motion.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated, “This case exemplifies this Office’s commitment to aggressive prosecution of the federal firearms laws as mandated by the Department of Justice’s “Project Safe Neighborhoods” initiative. Keeping firearms out of the hands of convicted violent felons is one of our main objectives. This office will continue to vigorously enforce the federal firearms laws as we implement Project Safe Neighborhoods in the District of New Hampshire.”

“The case is also a testament to the cooperative efforts of the Rochester Police Department, New Hampshire State Police Narcotics Investigation Unit, and the New Hampshire Department of Safety, Division of State Police, Forensic Laboratory. This and other jointly investigated cases have made New Hampshire a safer place to live.”

The prosecution against **BOULANGER** resulted from an investigation conducted by the Rochester Police Department and the New Hampshire State Police Narcotics Investigation Unit. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Clyde Garrigan and Alfred Rubega.